

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application Claims 1-36, of which Claims 1-20 and 29-31 have been withdrawn from consideration. Of the claims presented for consideration, Claims 21, 27 and 28 are independent. No claims have been added or cancelled.

Preliminary, the Office Action summary indicates that the drawings have been objected to by the Examiner, but the body of the outstanding Office Action does not identify any particular objection to the drawings. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests clarification of that objection or withdrawal thereof.

Claims 21-28 and 32-36 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Pepin, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,151,131). In view of the following additional remarks, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 21 of Applicant's invention related to a controlling apparatus comprised of an input unit adapted to input data from a remote information processing apparatus which can selectively send data of a series of originals including at least both of a specific page including a command for causing a printer apparatus to perform specific processing and a page where the command is not included and data of a series of originals where the specific pages are not included, and a controller adapted to cause the printer apparatus to perform a printing process of input originals data from the remote information processing apparatus. The controller causes the printer apparatus to perform the printing process of data and causes the printer apparatus to perform the specific processing, in case that the data inputted by the input unit is the data of the series of originals including at least both of the specific page including the command for causing

the printer apparatus to perform the specific processing and the page where command is not included, and the controller causes the printer apparatus to perform the printing process of the data, without executing specific processing, in case that the data input by the input unit is the data of the series of originals where the specific page is not included.

Claims 27 and 28 relate to an image processing method and a computer readable storage medium, respectively, and correspond to Claim 21.

Applicant respectfully submits that Pepin, et al. neither teaches nor suggests the invention as recited in Claims 21, 27, 28 or the claims depending from any of those claims.

As noted previously, Pepin, et al. relates to a print system that includes a deferred job assembly feature. However, it is not understood to teach or suggest the claimed elements of Applicant's invention.

The Examiner recites image input section 4 as corresponding to the input unit of Applicant's invention. However, Applicant submits that the image input section 4 of Pepin, et al. does not disclose the claimed input unit which can selectively send data of a series of originals including at least both of a specific page including a command for causing a printer apparatus to perform a specific processing and a page where the command is not included and data of a series of originals with the specific page is not included. Nor is the input unit in Pepin, et al. understood to be adapted to input data from a remote information processing apparatus. That reference merely refers to the image input section 4 having a remote input (see column 5, line 47), but is not understood to refer to input data from a remote information processing apparatus. The controller as recited in Claim 21 is likewise neither taught nor suggested by Pepin, et al.

inasmuch as the controller of Pepin, et al. is not adapted to cause the printer apparatus to perform a printing process of input original data from a remote information processing apparatus.

Given the above deficiencies of Pepin, et al., Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 21 is neither taught nor suggested by that reference. Moreover, since each of the wherein clauses of Claim 21 call for specific characteristics of the controller and input unit recited in that claim, those wherein clauses are likewise of necessity absent from Pepin, et al.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Pepin, et al. does not teach or suggest the invention as recited in Claim 21, and that claim is patentable over the cited reference.

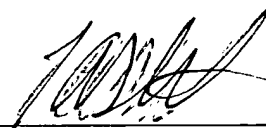
Independent Claims 27 and 28 are method and storage medium claims, respectively, and incorporate the above-discussed salient features of the invention as recited in Claim 21. Accordingly, each of those claims is believed patentable over Pepin, et al. for at least the reasons noted above with respect to Claim 21.

The remaining claims in the above-identified application are dependent claims which depend either directly or indirectly from one of the above discussed independent claims and therefore patentable over the art of record for reasons noted above with respect to the independent claims. In addition, each recite features of the inventions for further distinguishing it from the applied art. Favorable independent consideration thereof is respectfully sought.

Applicant respectfully submits that all outstanding matters in this application have been addressed and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of this application is respectfully sought.

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